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## SACRAMENTO UPDATE

### Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

**AB 696 (Chu)**, as introduced, would: 1) replace the quarterly reporting in CalWORKs and Food Stamps with semi-annual reporting; 2) provide categorical eligibility to Food Stamp benefits for certain Medi-Cal participants; 3) simplify Food Stamp verification requirements; 4) require the State to seek a Federal waiver to exempt certain Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) from the three-month limit to Food Stamp benefits; and 5) eliminate the requirement to maintain a statewide fingerprint imaging system (SFIS) for use in connection with eligibility for CalWORKs, Food Stamps and General Assistance.

The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) supports the provisions of AB 696 that would expand eligibility to Food Stamp benefits for low-income families and individuals, and simplifies Food Stamp program administration, but opposes the provision which eliminates SFIS. DPSS indicates that the elimination of SFIS would result in an increase in fraud and an associated increase in grant costs. DPSS recommends that the County support AB 696, if amended, to retain fingerprint imaging for CalWORKs cases and Food Stamp cases with General Assistance, and we concur.

A position of support, if amended, on AB 696 is consistent with existing policy to support options to simplify the administration of public assistance programs, including seeking any necessary Federal waivers and support efforts to fund and maintain the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System for the CalWORKs and General Relief programs. **Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will support AB 696, if amended, to retain**

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**fingerprint imaging for CalWORKs cases and Food Stamp cases with General Assistance.**

AB 696 is sponsored by the author. Support and opposition to AB 696 is currently unknown. This measure is set for hearing on Tuesday, March 29, 2005 in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

A roster containing the status of all bills of County interest is attached.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
STATUS OF BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY  
2005-06 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

These are bills we have pursued in Sacramento pursuant to Board actions or as reported in bill policy memoranda.

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 109	Chan	Support if Amended to require stronger fiscal oversight by the State without affecting local control (Board Action: 3/1/05)	Would require county First 5 commissions to: 1) adopt policies regarding conflict of interest and contracting and procurement procedures; 2) adopt a limit on the amount of its operating budget that can be spent on administrative functions; 3) adopt policies and processes establishing the salaries and benefits of employees of the county commission; and 4) send its annual audit and report to the State First 5 Commission. The State Commission is allowed to withhold the county commission's share of tobacco tax revenues for failure to submit the data. In its report, each county commission must list, by category, all program areas funded in a format prescribed by the State commission.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 126	Dymally	Oppose (State Update: 1/25/05)	Would require counties to ensure that the availability of services and quality of treatment received by indigent patients is equivalent to the care received by non-indigent patients in private facilities. Would also change the Beilenson process to require counties to make a finding that closing, eliminating, or reducing indigent health care services will not have a detrimental impact on the health care needs of indigent people in the county.	Assembly Health
AB 208	Gordon	Support (Board Action: 2/15/05)	Would require California school districts to give preference to children of military personnel in the process of an interdistrict transfer.	Assembly Education
AB 613	Mountjoy	Support (State Update: 3/23/05)	Would establish a higher burden of proof for the determination of "job relatedness" in workers' compensation cases. Under current law, an injury is deemed compensable (job related) if the job contributes in any manner or degree as the cause of the injury. AB 613 would provide that for an injury to be deemed compensable there must be a preponderance of evidence that employment activities were the predominant causes of the injury.	Assembly Insurance
AB 642	Negrete-McLeod	Oppose Unless Amended to limit liability to those instances where injury or death is a result of an action by the employer (State Update: 3/23/05)	Would create a job-related presumption for workers' compensation for an injury or death as a result of a vaccination or medication given to prevent infection from a biochemical substance. Under the bill, the employer would be liable even if the vaccination is procured solely by the employee without direction of the employer.	Assembly Insurance

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AB 921	Daucher	Oppose (State Update: 3/24/05)	Would: 1) allow the term of redevelopment projects to be extended for an additional 25 years without making a new finding of blight; 2) allow a redevelopment agency, during a 25-year extension, to use up to 40 percent of the property tax allocated for infrastructure improvements related to the production of market-priced or affordable housing while using a minimum of 60 percent of the funds to increase, improve, or preserve market-priced and affordable housing; and 3) limit the amount of property tax shifted to redevelopment agency receipts during a 25-year extension to 50 percent of the amount that would otherwise be allocated under current law.	Assembly Housing and Community Development
AB 1285	Montanez	County-sponsored	Would expand eligibility for participation in the Investing in Early Educators stipend program to include persons working in licensed family child care homes and child care centers that do not hold California Department of Education contracts.	Assembly Desk
AB 1330	Karnette	Oppose (State Update: 3/24/05)	Would: 1) establish the Harbor District Development Authority in the City of Los Angeles, and authorize the Los Angeles City Council, by resolution, to designate the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners as the redevelopment agency for the Los Angeles Harbor District (LAHD); 2) create a new definition of blight that fits the circumstances of the LAHD; 3) exempt the LAHD from certain environmental impact report requirements; 4) shorten plan adoption reporting requirements; and 5) eliminate the prohibition on redevelopment agency use of property tax increment for operations and maintenance expenses (current law restricts the use of agency funds to capital expenses).	Assembly Desk
AB 1331	Umberg	Oppose (State Update: 3/23/05)	Would exempt public safety employees from certain elements of the workers' compensation reform enacted in 2004. Specifically, SB 899 (Poochigian) enacted last year established an apportionment of employer liability for job-related injuries among common individual workers. A physician who prepares a report addressing the issue of an employee's permanent disability due to a claimed industrial injury is required to address the issue of causation. The employer's liability is limited to the percentage of permanent disability directly caused by the injury. AB 1331 would exempt state and local public safety personnel from these new reforms.	Assembly Insurance
AB 1491	Calderon	Oppose (Board Action: 3/8/05)	Would reduce the Housing Authority's responsibility for the allocation of Industry Housing Fund Program funds by authorizing the City of Industry to transfer up to 50 percent of the low-and moderate-income housing funds currently administered by the Housing Authority to another eligible public entity located outside the City.	Assembly Housing and Community Development

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SB 34	Florez	Oppose (Board Action: 3/1/05)	Would require that the majority of the membership of the county First 5 commissions consist of persons who do not represent a county.	Senate Floor
SB 35	Florez	Support if Amended to require stronger fiscal oversight by the State without affecting local control (Board Action: 3/1/05)	Would require county First 5 commissions to: 1) adopt policies regarding conflict of interest and contracting and procurement procedures; 2) adopt a limit on the amount of its revenues that can be spent on administrative functions; 3) adopt policies and processes establishing the salaries and benefits of employees of the county commission; and 4) send its annual audit and report to the State First 5 Commission. The State Commission is allowed to withhold the county commission's share of tobacco tax revenues for failure to submit the data. In its report, each county commission must list, by category, all program areas funded in a format prescribed by the State commission.	Senate Appropriations
SB 116	Dutton	Support (Board Action: 2/1/05)	Would eliminate the Safe Surrender Law sunset provision in order to provide for the safe surrender of infants as an alternative to abandonment permanently.	Senate Appropriations
SB 324	McClintock	Support (State Update: 3/15/05)	Would define a transportation gridlock emergency as a condition that requires extraordinary State action, and authorizes the Governor to declare a state of emergency when any highway has an average daily vehicle delay that exceeds 3,000 vehicle hours per day.	Senate Transportation and Housing
SB 466	Kuehl	Support and Amend to include school zones (State Update: 3/8/05)	Would allow a local agency to use a mobile photo radar system to enforce speed limits on streets within residential districts, subject to certain requirements.	Senate Transportation and Housing
SB 521	Torlakson	Oppose (State Update: 3/24/05)	Would change redevelopment law relating to transit villages by: 1) allowing local governments to extend the boundaries of a transit village development plan; 2) amending current redevelopment law to include the lack of high density development within a transit village development district as an economic condition that causes blight; and 3) requiring the agency to submit the proposed transit village redevelopment plan to the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank which would make a finding on whether the proposed project is consistent with the requirements of redevelopment law.	Senate Local Government
SB 656	Romero	County-sponsored	Would allow a county board of supervisors to place on the ballot a local tax of up to 5 percent on the sale of alcoholic beverages.	Senate Revenue and Taxation
SB 945	Soto	County-sponsored	Would implement names-based HIV reporting in California.	Senate Desk